AMID SCENES OF WAGNER

A DAY SPENT IN THURINGIN, THE HOME OF "TANNHAUSER."

Mr. Richard Lieber Writes of the Poesey of This Land-German and Italian Schools,

I knew of an English lord who, traveling prominent places, the visiting of which atthemselves. Conscious of this, I shall a successful one. nevertheless make an attempt to recollect a happy day in the province of Thuringia, Germany.

chanted poetry. In the freshness of the early dawn we had started away from Only the highest peaks, far away against no money from any person for training or in the work of a severe civil-service exam- heavens looked as if they had been deluged he has not sold any of his prizes, and many ination, yet nevertheless had time to travel | with a flood of liquid gold. The atmoswith us to Weimar, Eisenach, Nuremberg | phere had taken on that indefinable tint | and Munich. In Weimar we visited the which is characteristic of the German twiwere wont to lounge, where Wagner and lowed up in illimitable distance and on Liszt lived in daily intercourse with their | gentle pinions floated down the night. The circle of illustrious friends, and in the aft- scene was solemn beyond words, almost like ernoon we continued our journey to Eise- an evening prayer of nature as she laid nach to visit the Wartburg.

organ which besieged our ears. It these, too, were hushed, and heavenly rest Under such a plan cash priz was no fugue, but we were soon fugitives. | lay like a benediction upon the earth. This music, however, did not appear to terrify my "companions de voyage" half so my strangely ornamental headgear, a large, broad-brimmed American furnished the target for all manner of arwith a Tyrolean-hunter hat of tender | fervent was "Oh, Lord, give us drink." green, crowned with a wealth of feathers, and soon found ourselves on the Wartburg, never-fading green. For it is a place of the resting wanderer, filled with the sense long-forgotten times, shadowy figures of memory dreams-pictures of the long ago.

THE LAND OF TANNHAUSER. For him through whose veins the least drop of poetry courses, for him whose heart cherishes even an atom of noble aspiration of love for that which is above and beyond the monotonous uniformity of prosaical, everyday existence, this spot is most marvelously populated to the eyes of his imagination. For suddenly the portals of the castle are thrown apart and over the lowered drawbridge a joyous cavalcade swarms forth toward the wood, eager for the exciting chase. From the surrounding hills echoes the landgraves merry hunting horn far below in the valley with solemn chant the sombre procession of pilgrims starts on its weary way to Rome. Down from the castle the beautiful, the pure Elizabeth slowly wends her way along the mossy path. In the lofty castle hall are Wolfram von Eschinbach, Walter von der Vogelweide. Reimar von Zweter and the other noble troubadours, and far away on the misty Venusberg, bathed in silver moonlight, gauze pinioned elves are dancing their enchanted measures-the bewildering enchantment of "Fran Venus" takes possession of our souls.

But in face of the dream-dispelling sun, which, breaking through the network of branches, prints strange hieroglyphics upon the pine-needled carpet of the forest recesses, the shadowy presences disappear, and then one's senses return from the dreamland of retrospective fancy and the physical man breathes in deep, delicious draughts the invigorating air of the German | poor, obscure German Augustine monk to season, and they are many. There are a revenge for not being allowed membership felt pleasure shares the delight of his fellow. | a haughty priesthood. The Roman adoratravelers, who are enjoying with thankful In the little restaurant which, faithful to

its surroundings, is built a little at one side upon a single rock, a large company of guests were assembled. German in all dialanguages, must have been represented.

we are standing on artistic-international Seated or standing in groups all seem to be choosing the most congenial pranos in the churches, and yet for two For instance, from this table a lively conversation is audible in a peculiar gentle dialect, the words of which come to exclusively English. Part of them are Americans and part Englishmen. From still another table we hear the broad, rich fold variations, while from a fourth group the sons of Hanover and Hamburg are easily recognizable by the sharper, less melodious accents of lower Germany. Once in a while we discern the good natured ac- tons, so long separated, and Siegfriedcents of Austria or the sharply accented enunciation of Hungary, while the than spoken, could come only mouth of a Russian or Pole. It was at that time in the middle of the season, and we could hardly hope to find accommodation there upon the heights. A part of the second floor and the attic of this restaurant are put to hotel purposes. Everything is in mediaeval style, with wooden wainscoting, wrought iron door and window casements and glass panes set in lead. Since the view from this lefty hotel is incomparably glorious, the prices remarkably reasonable and the fare excellent, it is not to be wondered at that all the rooms, only about twenty in number, await his return. But he might be away a are always engaged long in advance. Lodging costs only about 60 cents a person, and it is really surprising that a hotel should with so much conservatism maintain the same price for nearly thirty years, when from many guests ten times as much could turned next day, they stayed as long as be obtained without a murmur. The solution of this enigma is simple. The restaurant stands on ground belonging to the grand duke, and under his administration the hotel license carries with it the condition that it-the administration-should regulate the prices for lodging, food and drinkables. In this case the government, whose everlasting and generally odious meddling with private affairs can hardly be realized in this country, has accomplished a really good deed and one that is most thankfully recognized on the part of the traveling public. But an incident interposed itself in our

behalf. Just as we were inquiring for rooms a telegram was received releasing some which had previously been engaged, and we procured them. We left to the head went immediately to visit the castle. In the castle court we sat down and waited for a guide to take us through. As we entered the great hall of song the last light of day was pouring through the windows, producing an effect which made the numerous knightly portraits which adorn the walls seem as if they were alive and about to step forth from their frames. We also visited Luther's chamber, in which the great reformer, disguised in knightly garb, found asylum from the 4th of May, 1521, to March 15, 1522, and where he also began tribute to a man a certain fame and repu- studied while a boy in Mohra, and above that such a circuit would not only prove tation. Unfortunately for his lordship, the table Luther's portrait by Lucas Cra- beneficial to the riders, but would also requite a good deal of glory may in this way | nach, an autograph letter framed behind | move from many riders the necessity of be obtained by ascending the mountains, glass, and by its side bookshelves with Bi- being a living lie at all times. Although made his valet perform the Alpinistic feat | the ink bottle which Luther threw at the | called amateur riders who could be amaothers whose trunks and bandboxes receive | energetical way to get rid of unwelcome | Every man who rides in races receives

herself to rest. Far below, in Eisenach, Late in the day we arrived in the city of | everything had also grown still. Here and Luther, Melanchton and John Sebastian there a tiny light became visible and from

In the hotel ordinary the headwaiter had entered was giving his orders to two young assistants with all the calm and impreshat, the possession of which, on account of siveness of a Napoleon. No wandering its very singularity, gave me the greatest | student of the middle ages ever longed more pleasure, and so, because this head covering | intensly for refreshment and a nourishing draught than we at that time. Vagi rows of wit from the street gamin, I was scholares per thuringiam proviciam discurdriven by my companions into a hat store | rentes! All the old prayers of the Latin to procure a dicer more in conformity with | scholars and their carmina Buccana came the customs of the land. Adorned then to my memory, among which the most

Once more before I repaired to my attic I proudly appeared again on the market | chamber, I stepped out upon the terrace, place. After wandering about for a time | Breathed upon by the gentle night wind, through the obscure valleys of the narrow- the fir trees and beeches in the Wartburg streeted town, we commenced the ascent | forest were rustling mysteriously. Out of the distance and the dark came the cry that remarkable spot around which history of the forest owl. The stars looked mildly and tradition have woven their chaplet of | down from a cloudless heaven and the | to take the step that will put them beyond moon bathed the dark old castle in silver reverence, a place of benediction, where | radiance. Out of the mysterious depth of the valley I could almost discern the silver of the inherent beauty of nature the mys- | sound of harps and could imagine the gentical, must lose himself in recollections of | tle Wolfram, the poet of Parsifal, standing sad and renunciative, singing that plaintive song so full of love and pain

> Like death's dark shadow, night her gloom Her sable wing o'er all the vale she bendeth, The soul that longs to tread on paths of Yet dreads to pass the gate of fear and

> look on thee, oh star in heav'n the fairest, Thy gentle beam thro' trackless space thou The hour of darkness is by thee made

Thou lead'st us upward with pure kindly Oh thou sublime, sweet evening star-

And what about those recollections? Well, I thought of them while I was at Cincinnati listening to the master's great works and I eagerly anticipate the pleasure of rehearing parts of them at our next

In last Sunday's Journal I tried to point of the great master's sublime works in our country. So let me close with a brief comparison between Teutonic and Romanic art to find the reason why this country-the country of the future-will be a home for the art work of the future.

Teuton is easily distinguishable from the

the Roman Catholic? In the latter perfection of form dominates all else, while the garment of lofty content. Cold and cruel, chines. indifferent to His children, was the God of the Romish hierarchy. It remained for the pine forest, bares his brow to the gentle give us an all-kind father-our Father in number of new adjustable handlebars on in the organization. The concensus of opinouch of the spicy wind and with heart- Heaven, who belongs to us rather than to tion of the Virgin Queen of Heaven thus became a Teuton apotheosis of mother love-the mother pressing to her breast her child, as Meister Albrecht Duerer has depicted her. Very similar has it been with the art, those great arts which make glad English. French, well nigh all the hearts of men. What degradation art suffered in the Italian opera, this "art form," which is a prostitution of all that is We instantly receive the impression that

great and true, genuine and sublime, Artificiality everywhere, even male socenturies Germany worshiped at Italy's shrine. At last came he who redeemed us from our artistic bondage to Rome. To us he belongs to the Teuton races, whether Anglos, Germans or Saxons, for all that he sings to us of the fearless Siegfried, all that re-echoes to us from the enchanting melodies of the "Waldweben" (forest weavings), is only our hope for the millennial

heritage of our united races. In fragments lay long the sacred sword, no one was able to weld it; now our forest land has become furnace and forge at once, has rewelded the Anglo-Saxons and Teu-America shall forge the invincible weapon with which all that is evil, petty and detestable shall receive its death blow and shall spring exultant through the leaping. menacing flames and awake humanity from its long slumber, and so will be justified our cry of victory to our pedanted wiseacres, vainly opposing the truth-"See, Mime, thou smith, so cleaves Siegfried's

RICHARD LIEBER.

An Unconventional Visit of Poets. Col. T. W. Higginson, in Atlantic. Sometimes the Whittiers had guests; and he poet's sister, Lizzie, delighted to tell how their mother was once met at the door by two plump maidens who announced that they had come from Ohio, mainly to see her son. She explained that he was in Boston. No matter; they would come in and week. No matter; they would willingly wait that time for such a pleasure. So in they came. They proved to be Alice and Phoebe Cary, whose earlier poems, which had al- i many. Many high-grade American maready preceded them, were filled with dirges | chines are already represented in the emand despair; but they were the merriest of | pire, but they have only met with a modhousemates, and as the poet luckily re- erate degree of success. There are several they pleased, and were welcome.

Washington Star. "William," said the teacher, "can you tell me anything about the shape of the earth?" "Only what my father found out in the "What is that? "He says it's in mighty had shape just at

The Stranger.

He read the books that all wise men writ; He searched the world for knowledge, not for He thought no man unknown, so keen his wit. But once he met a stranger—'twas himself. .- Maurice Francis Egan, in March Century.

CIRCUIT FOR GOLD BUGS

waiter the ordering of the evening meal and | SOME RELIEF IN SIGHT FOR THE "AMATEUR" BICYCLE RIDER.

> Preparations for a Big Local Bicycle Show-Effort to Make It a Popular Society Event.

room there is a table at which Luther had | who have given racing the least thought. When we had completed our tour through | fails to do so it will be taken as evidence cended into the watchtower to enjoy once | will go his riding "head" with the L. A. W. | part. The morning of the 7th of August, 1895, more the marveious view as long as the If he fills out the blank he cannot tell the of the American machines is set forth by teurs do every week.

Anything that would obviate the necesa boon to the "amateur" rider. A professional circuit in this State would do this. There is no reason why the twelve or fifteen cities and towns in this State that are within easy reach of this city, and in which combine and agree to support a profes-Bach. We were in no danger of the depth of the valley there floated up to sional circuit. This city could give races the other towns of the circuit.

and \$5 for third, could be offered for two events and smaller prizes for two more. making in all four good events for each meeting, with a novice and another amateur to complete the programme. Of course the circuit might allow these prizes to be increased for some special events at the larger meetings, if found desirable.

Such a plan would in no wise conflict with the regulations of the L. A. W. and would place the riders of the State on an inde pendent basis. At the present time they cannot ride outside of the State except th place they ride be within 100 miles of their riders they could go to other States whenever the opportunity offered and rake in some good prizes and at the same time make a name for themselves, which they cannot now do.

The advantages of a professional circuit are so obvious to all who have studied the of forming the circuit does not materialize. Probably the greatest opposition will found with the riders themselves, whom it the pale of the amateur ranks, fearing that the circuit will not be a success and that they will be barred from racing except with the crack men of the country, where they | tons will probably have the letters "W. L." could not hope to stand a chance to win

Such circuits are being formed all over the country and this year they will be the rule instead of the exception. The first steps have already been taken at Pittsburg to organize such a circuit to include western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia. Riders of Pittsburg have no doubt of the success of the scheme.

A BIG BICYCLE SHOW.

Dealers Are Making Preparations to Make the Exhibit Attractive.

The Indianapolis Cycle Trade Association has taken the proposed bicycle show in hand and will make it one of the social affairs of the season. The fact that the net proceeds are to be divided equally between the Wheelway League and the Free Kindergarten will make many people take an interest in the success of the show who would otherwise merely lend the assistance of their presence one or two evenings. The proceeds will include a premium to be paid out the reasons for the increased popularity | by each exhibitor for the use of the space

There are nearly twenty-five local dealers who have already taken space. This will fill the main floor of Tomlinson Hall to its capacity, for each dealer intends to make a large display of wheels and parts that will ing the league meet. It is expected that In all forms of artistic expression the necessitate considerable space. There will probably be four hundred wheels on exhibition, and scarcely any two alike. Each Why is the German race Lutheran and | dealer has in stock all the way from a half a dozen to thirty or forty different models. all of which will be shown. This will include ladies' and gentlemen's wheels and ingenious cyclist did his marketing, filled other creates form only to be the fitting tandems for men and combination ma- his basket, remounted his wheel and pro-

To the riders the most interesting part especially the parts that are new with this here. The crank bearings and the cranks and crank axies will show as many new devices as any other part. There is almost no end to the number of improvements in this part of the machine.

In tires there will be a display of many patterns never used here before, but which have been popular elsewhere. Severa! of Clarence McLean, the trick rider who was so popular at the Broad Ripple track last summer, has been engaged to give daily exhibitions on the stage while the show is in progress. He is a favorite and his ability is too well known here to need any com-

Local cycle shows are becoming very popular now. In fact it was so as to lend couragement to the local shows that the National Cycle Board of Trade decided to give no more national shows. It was believed that more good could be done to the trade by giving many local shows with the proceeds to go to some public or charitable institution than could be done by giving the big national shows. The popularity of the local show is shown by the fact that the National Board of Trade has already

granted sanctions for the following shows: Boston, Feb. 20 to 27. Philadelphia, Feb. 29 to 27. Pittsburg, Feb. 20 to 27. Denver, Feb. 20 to 27. Cincinnati, Feb. 20 to 27. Binghamton, Feb. 20 to 26. Omaha, March 1 to 6. Syracuse, March 1 to 6. Cleveland, March 1 to 6. Providence, March 2 to 5. Detroit. March 2 to 5. Reading, March 2 to 6. Baltimore, March 6 to 13. Brooklyn, March 6 to 13, Poledo, March 8 to 10 Rochester, March 8 to 13. Williamsport, Pa., March 18 to 20,

Indianapolis, March 18 to 20.

AMERICAN WHEELS IN GERMANY. How the Dealers of that Country Dis-

criminate Against Them. E. W. S. Tingle, United States consul at Brunswick, Germany, has made a report to

That they may proceed more intelligent-

reasons for this, but the principal one is that the machines are too expensive to compete with the best grades of German machines. For example, there are three particular machines which meet with the greatest success in Germany. The first is an Austrian machine made of excellent magood, honest workmanship throughout, but weighing on an average thirty pounds. The best grade sells for 325 marks (about \$30): a second grade is also offered for about \$70. The second machine is of German make, is solidly bu' clumsily constructed and sells for 230 ma is (about a number of machines will be kept on board \$2.) It also weighs about thirty pounds. The third machine is light running, in the writer's opinion lightly constructed of ma- rience one would think bicycle riding on terial not first class and sells for \$70, with | shipboard decidedly a dangerous pastime, | from the garden. The surface soil should | prize

of them well but too heavily built, but fine bicycling should prove to be a great mostly of an inferior quality of workmanship and material.

"Any one of the so-called high-grade machines placed alongside any high-grade American machine loses vastly by the comparison, the superior lightness, elegance and running qualities of the latter being at once apparent. With the exception of those Germans who absolutely refuse to have anything to do with a foreign-built article, this superiority is universally recognized. The price of 420 marks (\$100) is, however, the sticking point. Apart from the comparatively few with whom money is no object but quality supreme the intending bicycle buyer in Germany will turn aside, many times regretfully, from the American machine and buy the German article at 325 There are many, however, who There is again some talk of forming a honestly believe that American machines professional racing circuit in this State dur. | are inferior to the heavy German makes. This arises through the persistent misrepresentations of some German manufacturers and dealers who are alarmed at the invasion of their home field. 'Instigated no doubt by them, the Rad-

weit (Wheeling World), the organ of the bicycle industry in Germany, recently published a bitter article decrying American machines, asserting that the editor of the paper had recently taken a first-class and since he had formed a pronounced bles. In the vicinity of the stove there is not known to those who have not watched American wheel apart and could therefore antipathy to such dangerous sport, he | the celebrated ink spot. It was caused by | the matter, there are very few of the so- assure his readers that neither in material, solidity nor durability was the American machine the equal of the Gerand gave him proxy to sign his master's person of the unholy when his infernal teurs if they told the truth when ques- man, and that since the industry had been name. I fear that this man is like so many | highness once paid him a visit. Rather an | tioned by the L. A. W. racing officials, | established in Germany since 1885 and in the United States only since 1891 (sic) it must naturally follow that the American more "impressions" than the travelers company. It is said, however, to have been periodically a blank which he must fill out | did not possess the same experience in the and return to the racing board, or if he art of building machines. This, despite the fact that the German dealer imports his wooden rims from America, sometimes the numerous parts of the castle we as- that he is no longer an amateur, and off his tires, and one maker every important

found us in Weimar, a city of en- fading light would allow. In the distant | truth and remain an amateur. The blank | the German dealer as a disadvantage, yet west the sun had already sunk to rest. requires that he state that he has received he calmly sells women's machines of German make weighing twenty-eight and thirty-two pounds and calls attention to Jena, taking with us one of my old friends, the horizon, were still illuminated, and the other expenses; that he has not received their solidity. The women's American mawho, although as he said, was over his ears rugged cloud battlements which filled the cash for a prize or in lieu of a prize; that chine of twenty pounds' weight he cooliy pronounces unsafe, and yet it may be asserted that no German machine is subother things, all of which most of the ama- mitted to factory tests half so severe as those which must be endured by the best American makes. Writing from personal observation, the writer can add that some historic places where Goethe and Schiller light. Forests and valleys seemed swal- sity of these "white" lies would surely be dealers have even gone so far as to purchase third-class American machines, nearly worthless, which are exhibited as American makes of the highest grade, and comparisons are then drawn with standard German makes to the natural disadvantage

of the American maker. "In spite of all this, the merits of the there is a good racing interest, should not | American high-grade machine are gradubecoming recognized, but the high price remains the obstacle, and, in the opinion of the writer, will always prove a forgetting the latter, owing to us the melodious reverberations of the every Saturday afternoon and evening and decided hindrance to any considerable dethe unescapable whining of a hand bells of the Dominican convent. Finally the other days could be divided between velopment of the trade. It must be remembered that, in Germany, the average income is much smaller than in the United ference between a machine costing 325 marks and one costing 425 marks is a much more deterrent factor than the difference between \$80 and \$100 at home.

WHEELWAY LEAGUE AFFAIRS. Annual Meeting of Stockholders This

Week to Elect Directors.

At a meeting of the directors of th Wheelway League, held last Monday afternoon, a committee was appointed to secure home. With such a circuit to maintain the | the right of way for a path along the north bank of Fall creek from this city to Millersville. The committee has canvassed the question enough to be assured that there will be little trouble in securing the privilege of building the path. In fact, matter that it will be strange if the talk | there will probably be a bonus offered by some of the people along the way. The owners of Hammond Park offered last year is sought to benefit. Many of them will fear | to contribute liberally if the path were constructed through the park. The question of buttons was considered

It was decided to get new buttons for the owners of stock in the league. These butand a scene from the towpath on them. For those who pay \$1 for the privilege of using the path during the season there will be a new button similar to the one used last year.

The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held next Thursday afternoon. At this meeting five directors will be elected. One of the qualifications for a director is that he shall own at least three five-dollar shares of stock. This limits the directory to those who are sufficiently interested to subscribe with reasonable liberality to the project, thus insuring good management. There is no profit to any of the officers or

Notes of the Wheel.

Minneapolis bicycle dealers have been getting themselves in trouble by not complying with requirements of the law. A number of them have been fined for conducting their business without securing a city license. L. M. Wainwright, of the Central Cycle

Company, of this city, has been elected a director of the National Board of Trade of Cycle Manufacturers. He is also a member of the standing committee on membership and on transportation. The Buffalo Ramblers' Bicycle Club in-

tend organizing an excursion club to attend the Paris fair in 1900. The object of this club will be to take advantage of the club rates, which will insure them a cheap trip and better accommodations.

The associated cycling clubs of New Jersey have decided to hold their annual century run from Newark to Philadelphia durother clubs will join and make this the argest century run ever held in America. A novel sight was witnessed in Cleveland, O., recently. A man appeared riding on Superior street dragging a big sled after him upon which was fastened a market bas-Stopping at a grocery store, the

Professionals at Chicago, according to a of the show will be the exhibition of parts, local paper, have started a boycott on the national meet at Philadelphia as a means of the market that are found on wheels sold ion of prominent league men and riders in | nuals, which die when moved from the soll general all over the country is that a big mistake was made in barring the professional element from membership.

The Outing riders of the city have formed a club which will be very prominent in cycling matters this summer. There are already over one hundred members who have agreed to adopt a white uniform with the name "Outing" on the breast. They expect to make several club tours during the summer. Of course all cannot go at one time, but it is expected that nearly every member will join at least one of the tours. Cyclists in the West are evidently in favor of having their bicycles regarded as

baggage by the railroads, and as such carried by them. Accordingly a bill was introduced in the Legislature of Wisconsin and is now being considered by a Senate committee, purporting to compel railroads to carry bicycles free as baggage. Petitions praying the Legislature to pass the bill are being circulated for signatures all over the

Much speculation is being indulged in just now as to who will be the next chairman of the national racing board. The latest report has it that George Gideon, of Philadelphia, has refused a reappointment. this is true it is not unlikely that A. G. Batchelder will be offered the position. Mr. Batchelder is one of the best-informed men in the League on all subjects relating to racing and his appointment would no doubt be very popular.

Cycling has received its impetus only since the daily papers have devoted space to it, and it would be too bad if the trade should cease working up the good thing. They alone would suffer by this false economy. With all the talk and worry being done over the prospects o future business in bicycles, if the firms were a little more careful in wasteful advertising expenditures and a better system prevailed they would find a bigger growing field for their products.-New York Press.

Reports of the dissatisfaction existing mong league members are received from all parts of the country. From St. Louis comes the news that the League of Independent Wheelmen, an organization formed n that city about a year ago to govern racing in that vicinity, expects to receive large accessions to its membership since the national body has decided not to recognize Sunday racing. The sentiment in St. Louis Germany. The report was made last fall, is strongly in favor of racing on Sunday but has been out of press only a short time, and home rule. When the independent organization's contemplated track is completed it is expected that seceders from the eague will be numerous.

which listed last year at \$100 recently adopted a plan to dispose of them by offering them at a reduction of \$25. The present indications are that this plan will not prove very successful. Experienced riders prefer a new seventy-five-dollar wheel of unquestioned merit to a last year's model at the same price, even though its list price last season may have been \$100. Throughout the South, where the season has opened, there seems to be little call for last year's wheels at \$75. Riders are looking for a high-grade up-to-date wheel

at \$75, and they can get it. The bicycle has a new work to perform. The Cunard Steamship Company has discovered that bleyele riding on seaboard is a sure cure for seasickness, and hereafter each vessel for the use of passengers suffering from mal de mer. Judging from expea second grade at somewhat less. It weighs as it is impossible to be on deck during bad about twenty-eight pounds. Besides these weather, and it is only during that period proportion to the size of the seeds. Very prizes. Mine is the seventeenth solitaire there are numerous other machines, some that you feel seasick. When the weather is fine seeds require surface soil that is pul-engagement ring that I know of."

source of enjoyment to those confined in such a small place as a promenade deck

DRESS GOODS

and cabin affords. Somebody with a fondness for figures shows the large increase in the bicycle business in the following paragraph: "Prior to 1885 there were but six bi /cie factories in this country. In that year there were 11,000 machines turned out. Five years later there were seventeen factories, with an output of 40,000 wheels. In 1894 the factories increased rapidly, and 125,000 machines were turned out. A year later the production was 606,000, and the number of factories more than 500, none of which turned out less than 1,000 wheels a year. The capital invested in these large factories is \$90,000,000, and the estimate of the output for the present year is not less than 1,000,000 wheels,'

GOOD ROADS.

Vast Sums They Would Save to the Agricultural Community.

If the cost of marketing the crop of a given county can be reduced by 10 per cent, through the building of good roads, that county will find good roads a paying investment. Good roads once built will last almost forever, and the cost of maintaining them is relatively smaller the better they are built in the first place. Crops are marketed year after year, and the unnecessary expenditure of time and effort, the unnecessary wear and tear on wagons and harness, resulting from bad roads, repeat themselves annually. Money spent on good roads is an investment which pays handsome annual dividends. They are as certain, too, as the annual return of the warm spring sunshine after the frost and snows of winter. Good roads are a most profitable investment.

It has been estimated that five hundred million tons of farm products are hauled to market annually in the United States, and that the cost of marketing it is \$2 per ton, or just about \$1,000,000,000. That is not | 24-inch Printed Silks, elegant Waist money paid out, but is the value of the time spent by farmers with their teams in marketing crops, or what these men and teams would have earned if they had been hired for cash to do this amount of hauling. The secretary of the Farmers' National Congress and the United States Department of Agriculture agree in this estimate. They further agree in estimating that about 60 per cent. of this vast amount or \$600,000,000, would be saved each year if farmers were able to do this hauling over

This, then, is the amount of the annual mud tax to which we have been submitting. Railroads, telegraphs and steamboat lines have been assisted by the States and subsidized by the government, but nothing has been done for the common country read. The farmers alone have had to build country roads, without assistance from the cities, from wealthy corporations or from the state. Every citizen will be benefited by the construction of good roads, directly and indirectly, and every taxpayer should contribute his share to their cost. No wonder the farmer opposes the good roads movement, if he alone is to stand the expense. He has rightly suggested that he should be assisted through the medium of a state road tax, under a system of state aid, as now employed in New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Death.

Take them, O Death! and bear away Whate ir thou canst call thine own! Thine image stamped upon this clay Doth give thee that, but that alone! Take them. O Grave! and let them lie

Folded upon thy narrow shelves As garments by the soul laid by, And precious only to ourselves. Take them, O great Eternity!

Our little life is but a gust, That bends the branches of thy tree And trails its blossoms in the dust -Longfellow.

PREPARING FOR SPRING FLOWERS. Devices for Hastening the Blooming Season-Planting in Boxes. New York Evening Post.

Coextensive with the development of the trade in garden and flower seeds in this country is the growth of the seed catalogues, publications that to-day represent a large expenditure of time and money. They are mammoth affairs, replete with extended information about raising and cultivating plants, and elaborately illustrated with colored plates and photographs. The seedsmen scatter them broadcast throughout the last early in February, and their pictures of spring and summer flowers carry anticipated sunshine into many homes. The coming of the annual seed catalogues is the first harbinger of spring, and weeks are spent in poring over the pages to select the season's seeds and plants. The value of the reliable seed catalogue is unquestioned, for usually the information contained in them is compiled from good authorities, or is the practical experience of trained gardeners. They serve not only the purpose of extending the knowledge of new plants and broadening one's ideas of flower culture, but they give accurate and detailed information about th treatment of seeds and plants. The farmer who has crops to grow for a livelihood, as well as the housewife who raises a few flowers for her home use and decoration, finds the bulky catalogues useful compendi

ums of infermation. It may seem to some a long time to wait between the coming of the catalogues and the warm season when the seeds can be planted, but through modern devices the growing season is lengthened every year. Seed-sowing time for the lover of flowers begins early in March now, and for some plants as early as the middle of February. The desire to have flowers ready to bloom just as soon as the weather is warm enough outside has led to many experi

Plants that will stand transplanting are easily handled so that they will blossom in April and May, but the very sensitive anways been difficult to manipulate. Their seeds cannot be planted in the open ground much before the 10th of May, and their blossoms cannot be expected much before July. This month and August are then so hot and dry that many flowers suffer. May and June are the two best months for all flowers, and buds that expand at this time will unfold the sweetest and most

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beautiful blossoms.

plants that will not stand transplanting after the seeds have been germinated in boxes inside is unique. A quantity of turnips are obtained, and with a sharp knife the heart of the vegetables is dug out. Ir the holes thus made rich soil is packed. By running a knitting needle through the bottom of the turnip perfect drainage is obtained. A few seeds of the tender plants are put into this soil, and the turnips are stood upright in rows in a shallow box. The box is placed in a sunny window, and the seeds are treated just as those raised in pots. The seeds will germinate and produce good-size plants by the 1st of May. Then, if the weather is warm enough, the and when he slays another his name turnins, each bearing one or two thrifty plants, are planted in the garden, and the soil brought up around them so that every part is covered. The plants will not be disturbed, and they will not be conscious of | During the conflict he may kill one of the the change in surroundings. The turnips will soon decay, and the roots of the plants | he is called Kills-the-enemy. But if others will appropriate the matter as food. Another method of securing the transplanting of the tender flowers without disturbing their roots is to use small wooden boxes with a detachable bottom. boxes are made square and larger at the bottom than at the top. The bottom is it to his friend he will be named Givesfastened in with two strips of wood, which | feather, but if he refuses to part with it can be easily moved with a penknife. these boxes the seeds are germinated, and | Or he may obtain his name from some when ready for transplanting they are other object. If he is accustomed to ride taken to the garden, where holes are dug just large enough to receive them. Then the bottom board is slid over and a knife run down on every side between the box and the soil so as to loosen the mass. The box can then be pulled gently upward, leaving the mass of dirt in the hole. soil will hold together, and the roots of the plants will not be disturbed at all in the process. The boxes can then be packed | Six-bears or Kills-the-enemy. For this reaaway for use another season. Seed boxes for annuals that will bear transplanting in the spring are usually home-made affairs, but the trade offers a variety of improved boxes. The chief virtue of these purchased boxes is that they have a water-tight saucer or long trough to catch the surplus moisture that is sure to drip down through the soil. A seed box that will not permit the water to escape is not a good arrangement. The soil in the bottom is sure to get muddy and sour in time, and this acts as a poison to the plants, causing rot to begin on all roots that reach down to it. "Wet feet" for plants are almost as disastrous as for human beings, and the danger must be avoided. One of the surest ways to preand pronounceable, as they usually are, will vent the soil from getting sour in the botanswer quite well for a family name, but tom of the seed boxes or pots is to mix the translations are never satisfactory, and charcoal with the under layer. Sometimes a layer of broken charcoal in the bottom of the pot helps the drainage, and at the same time it alsorbs a good deal of the surplus moisture and sweetens the soil. The simplest and most effectual way to fill seed boxes or flower pots is to make the bottom layer of potsherds, broken into small pieces, or of large pebbles; then form another layer above this in very coarse sand, followed by a mixture of fine pul-verized charcoal and leaf mold, or rich soil

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Titles Merely Incidental and Often Temporary. Frank Terry, in Review of Reviews. As the Indian child grows he commits acts rom time to time each of which gives him a new name. For example, he may see a bear and run screaming to the tepee. The folks all laugh at him, and call him Runsfrom-a-bear. Later on he may become the possessor of an unruly pony which he fears to ride, and become known as Afraid-ofhis-horse. Or, he may mount a horse from which another Indian has been thrown, and he then is spoken of as Rides-the-horse. Further on he becomes a great hunter and kills five bears and they call him Five-bears. | Wormwood's Monkey Theater changes to Six-bears. He may perform a valiant deed in battle and ride his horse through the camp of the enemy, for which he is dubbed Charges-through-the-camp. enemy. If his victim is the only one slain fall the one he has killed must be described. as Kills-the-one-with-the-big-knee. If he braids in his hair a yellow feather which he has plucked from the tail of an eagle he be called Eagle-tail, Eagle-feather, Yellow-tail or Yellow-feather. If he gives his name will change to Keeps-his-feather. what is commonly known as a "calico" horse he may be called Spotted-horse, but if his horse has a short tail he will be known as Bob-tail-horse. The chances are that he will be known by all the foregoing names. His enemies in the tribe will continue to speak of him as Long-ears, Runsfrom-a-bear, or Afraid-of-his-horse, while his friends will call him Rides-the-horse, son it occurs that if you speak of the Indian in the presence of certain members of the tribe and call him Six-bears they will laugh at you and say: "That not his name; his name Runs-from-a-bear." But if you speak of him to certain others as Runsfrom-a-bear they will scowl and say; "That of his name; his name Kills-the-enemy. Hence it will be seen that the Indian names are nothing, a delusion and a snare and the practice of converting them into English appears eminently unwise. It is certain that the name on the roll at the agency is the interpretation of only one of the Indian's several "names." A short Indian name in their own vernacular, or a yllable or two of a long one if euphonious

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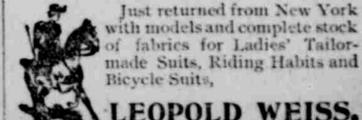
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